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SUBJECT: U.S.-SPONSORED NATO TOUR FOR SWEDISH JOURNALISTS

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1. SUMMARY: POST PROPOSES BRIEFING TOURS OF CERTAIN
NATO FACILITIES, I.E. AT BRUSSELS, EASTERN BAVARIA OR
SIMILAR BORDER AREA, AND IN NAPLES AREA, FOR SELECTED
INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH MILITARY-POLITICAL NEWSWRITERS AND
COMMENTATORS, AND REQUESTS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF
ADDRESSEES IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR PERIOD MARCH 27-APRIL 2
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OR ALTERNATIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSIDERING INCREASING AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL
STATEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COMMENT FOCUSING
ON BUILDUP OF SOVIET AND PACT FORCES BUT RELATIVE
LACK OF SWEDISH MEDIA ATTENTION TO SUBJECT, POST
CONCLUDES THAT PERSONAL EXPOSURE TO AUTHORITATIVE

SOURCES COUPED WITH OBSERVATIONS OF ACTIVE ELEMENTS OF NATO WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING A BASE OF FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE AMONG SELECTED NEWSMEN WHICH COULD LEAD TO ENLIGHTENED MEDIA COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY ON CURRENT BALANCE-OF-FORCES DIALOGUE, AND TO PUBLIC INSIGHTS INTO SWEDEN'S UNIQUE POSITION VIS-A-VIS ALLIANCE AND PACT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, POST REQUESTS THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES ARRANGE A PROGRAM UNDERLINING THREAT ASPECTS AND EXAMINING DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN NATO, BALANCING CONCISE BRIEFINGS WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS. TIME FOR -- AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF -- QUESTIONS IS ESSENTIAL. ADDRESSEE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIELD POINTED QUESTIONS. POST WILL ADVISE SPECIFIC NAMES AND BIOS ALL PARTICIPANTS SOONEST ADDRESSEES CONCUR IN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATES AND ACTIVITIES. GROUP WILL INCLUDE FOUR INFLUENTIAL NEWSMEN AND COMMENTATORS WITH MEDIA ACCESS TO VIRTUALLY ALL OF SWEDEN, PLUS AN ESCORT OFFICER. POST PREFERS DATES MARCH 27-APRIL 2, BUT IF ALTERNATIVES NECESSARY SUGGEST SECOND CHOICE APRIL 17-23 OR APRIL 24-0.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE URGED TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO PROPOSED PROGRAM BUT ARE INVITED TO SUGGEST ALTERATIONS IMPROVING ON BASIC ITINERARY BELOW, ESPECIALLY RELATIVE TO MOST PRODUCTIVE LOCATIONS AND TIMING FOR FIELD OBSERVATIONS. ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE TIMES CITED BELOW ARE TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMA- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES AFTER ADDRESSEES' CONCURRENCE IN ITINERARY.

5. FOLLOWING PROGRAM IS PROPOSED:

A. SUNDAY, MARCH 27: DEPART STOCKHOLM, ARRIVE BRUSSELS.
B. MONDAY, MARCH 28: AT NATO BRUSSELS. CONCISE BRIEFINGS ON NATO STRUCTURE, PURPOSES, COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS, POLITICAL AND MILITARY BONDS; NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THREAT INCLUDING SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO GEOPOLITICAL FACETS IN NORTHERN AREA; ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE ALLIANCE; ACHIEVEMENTS, DISAPPOINTMENTS, STATUS AND FUTURE IN EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING CSCE; SCOPE AND ECONOMICS OF DETENTE FROM DEFENSE ANGLE; SOCIAL IMPACT OF BOTH ALLIANCE AND PACT DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS. BRIEF INFORMATION ON RANGE OF NON-MILITARY NATO ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS, ESPECIALLY IF ENERGY-RELATED, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF MILITARY-POLITICAL BACKGROUND. MEETINGS WITH

SECRETARY-GENERAL LUNS AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE
WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOLLOWING INITIAL BASIC
BRIEFINGS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LATTER'S SIGNIFICANT
ASSOCIATION WITH SWEDEN AND PARTICULARLY IF BREIF
Q/A POSSIBLE. SUGGEST ALL BRIEFINGS BE INFORMAL BUT
AUTHORITATIVE, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRANK ASSESSMENTS,
AND AS LIVELY AS POSSIBLE TO DRAW NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS.

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C. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 30: DEPART
BRUSSELS, ARRIVE STUTTGART. BRIEFINGS RELATIVE TO
LOCAL TACTICAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND FORCE
BALANCES, ACCCOMPANIED BY AND EMPHASIZING FIELD
OBSERVATIONS. REQUEST OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE BORDER
POINT AND GROUND FORCES AND, IF TIME PERMITS, VISIT
AF INSTALLATION FOR TOUR OF FLIGHT LINE AND/OR
BRIEFING. DEPART EVENING MARCH 30 FOR NAPLES.

D. MARCH 31, APRIL 1: NAPLES AREA. REQUEST

BRIEFINGS ON STRATEGIC, POLITICAL BALANCES IN MED REGION; MEETINGS WITH ADMIRALS TURNER AND TRAIN WITH SHORT Q/A; OBSERVATIONS OF FLEET ACTIVITES INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAY/NIGHT OPERATIONS ABOARD CARRIER OR VISIT TO CARRIER UNDERWAY. POST STRESSES HIGH VALUE OF ACTIVE FLEET OBSERVATIONS AT TOUR CONCLUSION AS METHOD OF UNDERSCORING REALITY OF DEPLOYED FORCES DISCUSSED IN WEEK'S BRIEFINGS. REQUEST AFSOUTH TO COORDINATE ALL OF SOUTHERN PROGRAM, INCLUDING CARRIER VISIT.

TENTATIVE RETURN TO STOCKHOLM PLANNED APRIL 2.

E. ALTHOUGH POST IS INCLINED TO PAY FOR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO ANY POINT IN MED AREA TO PICK UP COD FLIGHT TO CARRIER, PROVIDING VISIT CONFIRMED, REQUEST COST ESTIMATE FOR PLANNING UNDER POST'S PRESENT CLOSELY PROGRAMMED BUDGET.

F. TRIP COST, EXCLUSIVE OF ITEM GRAPH 5-E, AND ASSUMING STUTTGART IS STARTING POINT FOR BORDER OBSERVATION AND GROUND FORCES BRIEFINGS, IS ESTIMATED AT \$4,200 FOR FIVE PERSONS INCLUSIVE EXCURSION AIRFARE AND PER DIEM ROUTED STOCKHOLM-BRUSSELS-STUTTGART-NAPLES-STOCKHOLM. HOWEVER, REQUEST ADVICE OF ACTION ADDRESSEES WHETHER CITED ROUTING IS COMPATIBLE WITH REQUESTED PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, REQUEST ADVICE OF ACTION ADDRESSEES WHETHER LOCAL TRANSPORT, EXCLUSIVE CITY TAXIES, CAN BE PROVIDED. POST WILL REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ONCE TOUR AND ITINERARY CONFIRMED.

7. REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES PROVIDE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PROJECT OFFICERS SOONEST. STOCKHOLM PROJECT OFFICER IO WOLCOTT, TEL 63-05-20, TELEX 12060.

8. FINALLY, POST SUGGESTS SWEDISH GROUP NOT BE MIXED WITH ANY NATO-COUNTRY TOUR GROUP, IF POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT PARTICIPANTS FEELING OF EXCLUSIVITY SIGNIFICANT IN SWEDISH MEDIA RELATIONSHIPS AND TO UNDERLINE UNIQUE SWEDISH POSITION VIS-A-VIS NATO WEYL

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